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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS

FOR THE PRESIDENT AND BRZEZINSKI

FOR THE SECRETARY AND TARNOFF

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, US, SO  
SUBJ: MEETING WITH SIAD BARRE

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 0618; B) STATE 073722

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE PERTINENT POINTS WHICH EMERGED IN  
MY DISCUSSION WITH SIAD TODAY OF RESPONSES TO THE FOUR  
QUESTIONS WHICH HE HAD POSED (REFTELS):

1. THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS: SIAD HAD A DIFFICULT  
TIME UNDERSTANDING THE NECESSITY FOR OUR CASE BY CASE  
REVIEW OF TRANSFERS OF US ORIGIN ITEMS. I THINK HE  
FINALLY ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATION. HE URGED THAT WE TELL  
RELEVANT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER  
OPPOSE US OR NON-US ITEM TRANSFERS. I RAISED THE  
L-100 CASE AND HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT WE  
WOULD NOT ALLOW IT. ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED UNCERTAIN WHETHER  
HE WANTED TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE, HE ASKED THAT WE  
PASS WORD TO THE INTERMEDIARIES THAT WE WERE WILLING  
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TO APPROVE IT.

2. SIAD ACCEPTED THAT WE COULD NOT SUPPORT  
SOMALIA'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OR DEFEND THE RIGHT OF  
THE WSLF. HE URGED THAT THE US WORK THROUGH THE  
AFRICANS TO FIND "A JUST AND LASTING PEACE WHICH  
WOULD GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE REALITIES OF THE

SITUATION."

3. SIAD RECOGNIZED MY RESPONSE AS THE SAME THAT I HAD GIVEN HIM WHEN HE INITIALLY POSED THE QUESTION. I TOLD HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE DURING THE INTERVAL PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HIM TO ARRANGE WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR THE EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS. SIAD EXPRESSED TO ME, AS HE HAD ON ONE EARLIER OCCASION, HIS STRONG CONCERN THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH US MIGHT PRECIPITATE HOSTILE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS.

4. SIAD ACCEPTED THAT THE US WOULD NOT SAY THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD NOT INVADE SOMALIA. "IF YOU DO THAT, THEY WILL NOT TOUCH US." I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT HIS DESIRE FOR THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC REITERATION OF OUR VIEWS, BUT I DID NOT GO BEYOND THE LANGUAGE IN MY TALKING POINTS.  
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